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SUBJ: SWISS PARTICIPATION IN KARAKAYA POWER PROJECT: TURKEY

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1. AGENCE ECONOMIQUE ET FINANCIERE (AGEFI) REPORTED NOV 1 THAT SWISS BANKS AND INDUSTRY WILL PARTICIPATE IN KARAKAYA POWER PROJECT ON UPPER EUPHRATES IN TURKEY. PROJECT REPORTEDLY DESIGNED BY ELECTROWATT OF ZURICH, SOCIETE GENERALE POUR L' INDUSTRIE OF GENEVA, TAMS OF NEW YORK AND DOLSAR OF ANKARA. ESCHER WYSS OF BADEN, SWITZERLAND HAS CONTRACT TO PROVIDE 6 TURBINES OF 306 MEGAWATT CAPACITY EACH AND BROWN BOVERI OF BADEN WILL FURNISH 6 ALTERNATORS OF 315 MEGAWATT CAPACITY EACH WITH DELIVERY BEGINNING 1980.

2. AGEFI REPORTED PROJECT WILL BE CARRIED OUT WITH CONSORTIUM FINANCING HEADED BY UNION BANK OF SWITZERLAND AND INCLUDING CREDIT SUISSE, SWISS BANK CORP AND SWISS VOLKSBANK. TURKISH GOVT OCT 31 SIGNED LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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EXPORT CREDIT AGREEMENT OF SF 373 MILLION AT 5 PCT INTEREST FOR 15 YEARS AND 5-YEAR LINE OF CREDIT AGREEMENT FOR SF 320 MILLION AT 7.5 PERCENT.

3. EMBASSY UNDERSTANDS THAT OF TOTAL SF 693
MILLION FINANCING, SWISS BANKS AND SWISS EXPORT
RISK GUARANTEE PROGRAM MAY BE INVOLVED TO EXTENT

OF SF 400 TO SF 500 MILLION, HALF OF UNUSED AMOUNT PREVIOUSLY COMMITTED FROM TURKEY BY ERG (PARA 3

REFTEL). HOWEVER, ERG VIEWS REGARDING TURKEY REPORTED PARA 4 REFTEL STILL APPLY. WARNER

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